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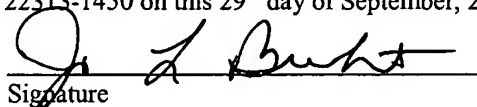
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2006. This Amendment and Response is accompanied by a petition for a three-month extension of time, moving the deadline for response from June 29, 2006 to September 29, 2006.

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